



Memo

To: Planning Area Responsible Officials and Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
From: Leslie Goldsmith
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Re: Solid Waste Comprehensive Planning Rules Revisions

This memo is to notify you of rules revision for Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 567 Chapter 101, Solid Waste Comprehensive Planning Requirements, which were approved by the Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) at its July EPC meeting. The revisions become effective September 16, 2009. For a detailed information on the recent amendments, please visit our website at: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/waste/policy/ch101.html>.

The following is a summary of the major revisions and clarifications to the chapter:

- The planning cycle will remain as set (3 years) for the current round (Round 6) of plan updates but will change to five (5) years for subsequent rounds (starting with the 7th round). The first plans of the 7th Round Plan Cycle will be due September 1, 2013. Please see the attached "7th Round Due Dates" spreadsheet for the complete schedule.
- The Department will no longer perform a preliminary goal progress calculation 12 months prior to the due date of the comprehensive plan update for each planning cycle. If you need assistance in finding the most recent figures or calculating the waste diversion percentage, please contact Leslie Goldsmith at (515) 281-8499 or leslie.goldsmith@dnr.iowa.gov. Planning Areas may still request that the Department complete a goal progress recalculation once per fiscal year.
- Each planning area will be responsible for ensuring that the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Survey from each city in the planning area are submitted and accurately reflected on the online database. The department will no longer receive surveys from the cities.

- Minor revisions have been made to the Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Survey and corresponding online forms. There were no content changes, just clarifications to questions. An updated survey is posted online at:
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/waste/sw/compplan.html>
- The construction and demolition (C&D) waste tonnage fee exemption will no longer apply to those municipal solid waste landfills that have been reporting a separate area for C&D waste disposal. While the revisions to Chapter 101 will become effective September 16, 2009, this specific change will not be implemented until the reporting period starting July 1, 2010 (due to the department January 1, 2011 and thereafter).
- In order to reflect the revisions that have taken place to Chapter 101, the Department is in the process of updating the Quarterly Solid Waste Fee Schedule and Retained Fees Report. An updated version will be distributed once it is finalized.

As always, the Department is available to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Please feel free to contact me at (515) 281-8499 or leslie.goldsmith@dnr.iowa.gov or Becky Jolly at (515) 281-8308 or becky.jolly@dnr.iowa.gov.